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TORONTO TOPICS.

The Referendum Returns—Future of the Yukon—Statement by F. H. Clergue.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Globe's figures of referendum vote were 170,838 for and 90,310 against, majority for 80,528.

John R. McGovern, of Dawson city, is here, and thinks the future of the Yukon very bright, but regrets that even yet representatives of American firms there are swarming over the territory after orders, whilst it was seldom he met representatives of Canadian houses.

John R. Gordon, mining expert, of Sudbury, is in the city and confirms the purchase of the old Canadian Copper Company by the United States Steel Corporation under the name of the International Nickel Co. The new concern has about three thousand men at work.

In a statement to the Globe, over his own signature, F. H. Clergue, the Soo Ste. Marie capitalist, regarding the panic in Philadelphia caused by a slump in the Consolidated Lake Superior stock, says there is no danger of a collapse, that the debts of the company are small, and that assets are worth many millions.

A company has been formed, with a capital of \$250,000, to take over the Williams Co., Oshawa, manufacturers of pianos, organs, etc.

The Dominion Oil Company, has been formed, with a capital of \$850,000, headquarters at Chatham, to take over the oil fields in the Chatham district.

C. J. Thomson, immigration agent at Virden, has been appointed by the Dominion government to accompany the Scottish curlers through Canada on their tour.

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MEET NEXT MONTH.

Young Corbett and Teddy McGovern Training For Fight.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Both young Corbett and Terry McGovern have decided to train at Casino for their fight in Detroit next month. McGovern has left the Queen City. He will be trained by Charlie Mayhood, and will do his work at his old quarters. Corbett will leave shortly for Cincinnati. Hy. Tutill will look after the Denver boy during his training.

THREATEN TO STRIKE.

Men Employed By Cox Bros. & Co. May Quit Work on Wednesday.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 15.—More than 4,000 miners at Drifton, near Hazleton, will go out on strike on Wednesday unless their employers adjust the grievances they complain of before that time, says a dispatch from Scranton to the press. The shipment of coal to New York will be decreased 10,000 tons a day if this strike is declared. The dissatisfied miners are employed by Cox Bros. & Co., the large independent operators. They say that the company has repeatedly refused to re-employ all its union miners.

FORT AND CUSTOMS HOUSE BOMBARDED

VENEZUELAN MADE BUT FEEBLE REPLY

No Damage Done to Town of Porto Cabello—Merchants Have Abandoned La Guayra.

(Associated Press.)

Porto Cabello, Dec. 15.—The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta have bombarded the fortress here and quickly silenced it. When the Charybdis and the Vineta arrived the captain of the English merchant steamer Topaze, which was seized by the mob last Wednesday, visited the English commodore on board the Charybdis and returned an hour later with a detachment of 50 marines, which took charge of the Topaze. The populace were greatly excited at this incident and raised the cry "to arms," but no incident occurred.

The English commodore then sent a demand to the authorities for immediate satisfaction for having pulled down the British flag from the Topaze, and advised the government that if satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours the fortress and the custom house would be bombarded.

The authorities on receipt of this demand sent a message to President Castro asking for instructions.

At 5 o'clock the Charybdis and the Vineta opened fire on the fortress and custom house. The fort replied, but was soon silenced. No damage was done to the town.

The United States consul went on board the two cruisers and was informed by their commanders that they had come to this point in search of the Venezuelan warships.

Depending on Sates.

Caracas, Dec. 15.—Inaction reigns in government circles. The officials do not know what to do, and are depending entirely on the United States to assist them.

A movement is on foot here, headed by prominent doctors and lawyers, to request President Castro to resign and ask Vice-President Ramon Ysla to assume the presidency and form a cabinet, without party tendencies. It is also proposed to summon Congress to appoint a temporary president and arrange the questions in dispute in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. Gen. Hernandez (Elmocho), who has just been released from prison at Maracaibo, is expected at Caracas to-morrow. His partisans are very active and further trouble is apprehended.

The Venezuelan government announces that Great Britain has reopened the navigation of the Orinoco river. Two warships will patrol the mouths of the river and the river itself. This measure applies only to foreign ships. Vessels flying the Venezuelan flag are excluded. The patriotic parade here yesterday passed off without any extraordinary incidents. President Castro, during the day, visited the tomb of Bolivar.

The government reports that the German cruiser Panther is going to Maracaibo to destroy the forts there.

Minister Bowen, at the request of the Dutch minister, Dr. Van Leyden, who is sick at Caracas, has taken charge of the Dutch interests here. The leading merchants of La Guayra arrived here last night, abandoning the port, owing to fear that it will be shelled to-day. The German cruiser Vineta is going to visit Margarita, an island in the Caribbean sea, 30 miles north of Cumana, belonging to Venezuela.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, four long explosions alarmed the city of Porto Cabello. It was found that British marines had blown up the subterranean prison cells of Castle Libertador with dynamite. They also burned all the wooden buildings surrounding the castle and carried away everything that could be transported.

After the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello and the landing of marines on the island, where the castle is situated, the forces of the powers acted just as if they were at home, causing great indignation among the Venezuelans. When everything had been destroyed the marines re-embarked.

The Venezuelan government warship Miranda has escaped the vigilance of the German cruisers Falke and Panther, which were searching for her, and arrived at Maracaibo yesterday.

Probably Too Late.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—In official quarters here it is stated the Venezuelan vessels sunk off La Guayra were old and worthless revenue cutters and unfit to go to sea, and that the other ships captured have been sent to a certain West Indian port to be refitted for use during the blockade. The destruction of the Venezuelan craft it is added was necessary in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Venezuelans, as the German vessels had to leave La Guayra.

Venezuela's proposition through Minister Bowen to submit the question in dispute to arbitration has now been received here. The foreign office says this will not delay measures previously decided upon by Germany and Great Britain.

tain. The officials here do not indicate what will be the final decision on the arbitration proposition, but apparently it was made too late to affect the general situation.

May Assist Castro.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Herald correspondent in Caracas says he has learned on reliable authority that the government of Argentina, in a Buenos Ayres dispatch, has instructed its consular representative to report at Buenos Ayres as early as possible what appears to be the attitude of the United States and what view that government is likely to take of its obligations under the Monroe doctrine in the face of the aggressive action of Great Britain and Germany. Should the United States decide to remain impassive on the ground that its interpretation of the Monroe doctrine does not warrant interference with a foreign power resorting to drastic measures for the collection of debts, the correspondent says he is informed that the government of Argentina, feeling that the autonomy of all South American states is jeopardized, is prepared to take a stand by the side of Venezuela to offer her assistance to President Castro.

Argentina is not anxious to declare her attitude, and will only do so, it is said, in the event that the United States should maintain a complaisant attitude of non-interference. It is believed that Chili also entertains similar intentions, and many official cable messages have been exchanged between official representatives of the Venezuelan government and those of the Chilean republic in Valparaiso as well as with Buenos Ayres.

Arbitration Proposed.

London, Dec. 15.—The Associated Press has reason to believe that orders will be, or have been, sent to the British commander in Venezuela waters to take no further aggressive action at present pending a decision being arrived at on the proposal for arbitration.

This came in the form of a proposal through the United States government to submit the claims of British and German subjects to arbitration, which Lord Lansdowne announced later in the day in the House of Lords in "Now under consideration by the British government." He added: "We are greatly indebted to the good offices of the United States minister at Caracas in obtaining the release of the British and German subjects."

Sinking of Ships.

London, Dec. 15.—The under foreign secretary, Lord Cranborne, denied in the House of Commons to-day that the British commander was responsible for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships. The under secretary said His Majesty's government had been informed that the German commander found it necessary to sink two ships, but Great Britain was not responsible for this.

Mr. Schwann, advanced Liberal, then moved an adjournment of the House to discuss Venezuelan matters. The motion will be discussed at 7 o'clock this evening.

SOLDIERS DROWNED.

Many Lives Lost By Sinking of Colombian Government Steamer.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Advice from Barranquilla confirms the report of the total wreck of the steamer Bogota in the Magdalena river, recently, near El Banco, says a Herald dispatch from Colon. She had on board a large force of government soldiers, many of whom were drowned. The details of the disaster have been suppressed.

The above steamer is not to be confused with the Bogota, formerly the Cutch, which was recently purchased and taken south by the Colombian revolutionists.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.
Six Lives Lost in Fires in New York Tenement Houses.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Three lives were lost in a tenement house fire in East 120th street to-day.

Three girls aged 2, 4 and 7 years, children of Louis Smith (colored), were burned to death on Saturday in a 16th street tenement house. The parents had gone out leaving the children asleep.

CHILLY OUTLOOK.

At Ballston, N. Y., There is No Coal to Heat Jail.

(Associated Press.)

Ballston, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The last shovelful of coal in the court house bins was placed in the furnace to-day. No supply is in sight. There are fifty-seven prisoners in jail, which, with the county clerk's office, is heated from the court house. The thermometer showed 17 degrees below zero.

FROM THE BANNOCKBURN.

Life Preserver and Wreckage Washed Ashore Near Grand Marla.

(Associated Press.)

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 15.—One life preserver and some wreckage from the Bannockburn was picked up Saturday near Grand Marla's life saving station. They are looking for bodies and other wreckage.

UNFOUNDED REPORT.

No Truth in Story of an Attempt on the Life of King Leopold.

(Associated Press.)

Brussels, Dec. 15.—There is no foundation for the report which was circulated here yesterday that an attempt was made on the life of King Leopold on Saturday, while he was leaving the railroad station for the palace.

STORE AND POST OFFICE BURNED

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT LADYSMITH YESTERDAY

Nothing Saved From Leiser & Company's Establishment—New Building Being Erected.

(Special to the Times.)

Ladysmith, Dec. 13.—The big general store of Simon Leiser & Co., Ltd., with its entire contents, was burned to the ground on Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. The fire started in the furniture department. Manager Marshall supposes, by spontaneous combustion, as there was absolutely no sign or smell of fire at 11.30, when he made the customary inspection on Saturday night. The incriminating in the railway yard blew alarms which brought out nearly everybody in Ladysmith.

The volunteer fire brigade, under Chief Frazer, did splendid work, although handicapped by want of water.

Mr. Marshall saved all the papers, books and cash from the safe, and Postmaster Southin rescued all the mail bags, papers, etc.

The firemen's heroic exertions saved Mr. Marshall's residence, Jones's and Abbottsford's hotels, and Rolston's big hardware store from certain destruction. Mrs. Marshall's conservatory was totally ruined. The loss is \$1,000. This is the second time it has been destroyed in a year. Mr. Marshall had many valuable articles stolen from his house, and also goods from the store.

An engine and two hose reels were brought from Nainamby by special train, but the fire was under control by the time they arrived. Had Rolston's building caught, half of Ladysmith would have been doomed.

Mr. Leiser was here yesterday and ordered the immediate erection of a large building. The post office is located in the old town site office till the new quarters are ready.

The fire has roused Ladysmith people to the absolute necessity of better fire protection.

The store was situated at the corner of High street and the esplanade. It was a fine building, and was put up early in the history of the place, securing a very large patronage. It was about 120 feet deep with a frontage of 60 feet, and was valued at \$8,000. The contents, which included a large stock intended specially for the holiday trade, were estimated to be worth at least \$30,000. Upon these the insurance was \$26,000 on the contents and \$4,750 on the building. The post office adjoined the store, and was owned by the same firm.

Simon Leiser, of this city, visited Ladysmith yesterday, and with characteristic enterprise at once decided upon arrangements for carrying on the business. All the workmen available were engaged, and a gang of about thirty men started yesterday to put up a new building. This will be pushed to completion and a temporary store alongside the old site will be available for business at once. By Thursday evening they will again be selling goods in their new quarters.

POLLING TO-DAY.

Election in North Nainamby—The Campaign in North Victoria Increasing in Interest.

The election in North Nainamby is in progress to-day. Those acquainted with the conditions in that constituency accord to Hon. W. W. B. McInnes the election largely upon the ground of his own personal popularity.

The Times Nainamby correspondent wires this afternoon as follows: "There is not much change in the political situation here. Mr. McInnes continues a strong favorite. A number of Nainambyites drove out to Wellington this morning where polling takes place. A report from Parkville this morning says that Mr. McInnes is sure to have a large majority at that place. Up to noon 200 votes had been cast at Wellington."

At Ladysmith on Saturday evening Col. Prior was present and addressed his first meeting since assuming the premiership. He outlined what he had done since entering the government. He had insisted upon getting the portfolio of mines, and had been instrumental in having a commission appointed to look into the causes of accidents. Touching upon the railway policy of the government, he said that if there was a cash bonus given it would be inserted through the province. If a land grant were associated with it this would be surrounded by every safeguard. The lands would be open to settlement on the same terms as government lands. The minerals would be free to the prospectors, timber would not be granted to the railway company except on the same terms as could be secured by anybody else. Finally the lands would be open to taxation, thus assuring the province of a substantial revenue from this source from the start. All these safeguards would be placed around every grant which might be made so that the people's rights would be protected.

Referring to the disallowance of the provincial acts at Ottawa, he said that the government would re-enact this legislation as soon as the House re-assembled.

The political storm centre now appears to be North Victoria. John

Oliver, M. P. P., spent several days last week in that constituency in the interests of J. W. Paterson. He returned to-day to enter the fight again. Up to the present time no meetings have been held, but the candidates have confined their work to organization. This week Mr. Paterson will hold meetings each evening, commencing to-night at South Salt Spring. During the succeeding evenings meetings will be held at North Salt Spring, Gabriola Island, Mayne Island, Pender Island and Sidney. C. W. Munro, M. P. P., is also expected to assist this week in the campaign.

The Premier and Attorney-General Eberts are said to have gone to North Victoria this morning to uphold the government's cause in the constituency.

LENORA COMPANY AFFAIRS.

J. S. H. Matson Appointed Liquidator—Supreme Court Cases—Argument in Milne vs. Macdonell.

The chief matter of interest in Chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Irving was an application for the appointment of an official liquidator of the Lenora-Mount Sicker Company. At a meeting of creditors held recently, J. S. H. Matson was nominated liquidator by the majority of interests, no other nominations being made. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for Rodas & Co., applied to have Mr. Matson appointed by the court. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., representing Breen's interests, opposed the appointment on the ground that Mr. Matson had been actively engaged in the efforts to reorganize the company, and no one should be appointed whose interests and duties were likely to conflict, and he therefore forwarded the name of E. Crowder Baker as a proper candidate for the office. W. E. Oliver, for the company, wished the appointment delayed for a week, as it was probable that a scheme of reconstruction would be perfected by that time, but approved of the appointment of Mr. Matson, as did Thornton Fell, representing the majority of creditors. His Lordship granted an order for the appointment of Mr. Matson as liquidator, bonds for \$25,000 to be furnished with liberty to increase the amount of security if necessary, the books and papers to be handed over on security being perfected, and claims to be sent in by January 14th next.

The other applications disposed of were as follows:

Re Thos. Atkins, deceased—R. H. Pooley obtained probate of will.

Re Chew Mong, deceased—A. F. R. Martin obtained an order for letters of administration.

Leiser vs. Harroff—Leave to appear after judgment, granted. W. P. Goch for defendant, E. M. Yarwood contra.

Law Society.

The December law examinations were held last week, fewer candidates than usual facing the test. A special meeting of benchers was called this morning to receive the examiners' report on the candidates for finals, but was adjourned for want of a quorum.

Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice Drake is to-day hearing evidence and argument in the case of McCawley vs. Hamilton, a suit concerning the Yellow Jacket claim on Willow Creek, Atlin. This case was tried before the late chief justice, but judgment had not been delivered before his death. No new evidence is being taken now, the former transcripts being read, and A. L. Belyea, K. C., for plaintiff, and J. M. Bradburn, for defendant, are rearguing the matter before His Lordship.

The argument in Milne vs. Macdonell is being continued this afternoon before Mr. Justice Irving. The trial of the case of Capt. John Irving against Col. Hayes will probably be commenced to-morrow morning.

PERSONAL.

Frank Kennedy, the wrestler, and his manager, Joe Carroll, returned from Nainamby yesterday, a suit concerning the Yellow Jacket claim on Willow Creek, Atlin. This case was tried before the late chief justice, but judgment had not been delivered before his death. No new evidence is being taken now, the former transcripts being read, and A. L. Belyea, K. C., for plaintiff, and J. M. Bradburn, for defendant, are rearguing the matter before His Lordship.

H. Bruce Bennett of Vancouver, one of the brightest members of the newspaper profession there, is in the city to-day. He is engaged in bringing out a handsome and profusely illustrated booklet for the Vancouver Tourist Association, the matter for which has been largely compiled by Mr. Bennett.

W. H. Legg, who has been operator for the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company here for the last two years, left last night, accompanied by his wife and family, for Victoria, where he will join one of the engraving staffs.

Rev. J. P. Hicks, W. K. Houston, A. McDermott, E. E. Gossell and W. T. Cameron were among the Victorians who returned from the Mainland last Saturday night.

F. M. Rattenbury, W. H. Higgins, Capt. S. F. McKenzie, Major Dupont, H. Cassidy and J. Fletcher are among those who came over from Vancouver last evening.

A. S. Angell, of Portland, arrived in the city on Saturday night to take a position with the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company in this city as chief operator.

Miss Anthony, of San Francisco, who is on her way to Ligon to visit her brother, J. B. Anthony, is at the Vernon. She was met here by her brother.

F. W. Peters and B. W. Greer, of San Francisco, are among the guests at the Victoria Hotel.

H. A. Weir and A. A. Weir, of Chicago, are at the Dominion. They will take up their residence in this city.

A. G. Lewis and W. G. Spicer, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Yreka Company, are at the Dominion.

F. W. Peters and B. W. Greer, of San Francisco, are among the guests at the Victoria Hotel.

DISCUSSION ABOUT A NEW DRY DOCK

IMPERIAL CONTRACT WILL SHORTLY EXPIRE

Official Views Obtained of Grafton Entering Dock With Only Eight Inches to Spare.

A significant incident in connection with the docking of H. M. S. Grafton some few weeks ago is told. When the big vessel was about to enter the dock a photographer was on hand and a number of pictures were obtained for officials of the navy. With a ship the size of the Grafton the greatest precautions have to be taken in getting the ship safely within the dock. Had the Grafton been a foot greater beam she could not have been accommodated. There was just four inches to spare on either side as she passed through the gate, and some pretty fine work had to be done. Some years ago when the Warspite was on this station it is said that she, too, had considerable trouble in docking. Whenever she had to be placed on the blocks the ash shutes on the side had to be first removed before she entered the dock. These facts are reported to be on record in the head offices of the admiralty, and are now the subjects of serious consideration, especially in view of the fact that at the end of this year or early in the new year the agreement between the Imperial and Canadian governments respecting the control and usage of the dock will expire. Whether it will be extended has not yet been learned, in fact it is not believed that any understanding has been reached regarding the matter.

There have been various rumors in circulation as to what is likely to be done. It has been stated that a new dock is in contemplation such as would accommodate the largest vessels in His Majesty's navy. A floating dock has been mentioned in this connection, and it is contended by some that a structure of this kind would be more modern and could be used with greater facility than the ordinary dry dock. There is but one floating dock in Northern Pacific waters at present and that is located at Tacoma, which is said to be of a very unsatisfactory description. The working principle is very simple. The dock is sunk beneath a vessel, and being then pumped out raises the vessel out of the water.

Referring again to the docking of the Grafton there is another feature of the work not heretofore mentioned. Under the supervision of a representative of an Australian firm she was towed to a couple of coasts of Moravian anti-fouling composition, which is supposed to beat everything before submitted for experimental tests on the bottom of ships.

The Naval and Military Record just to hand this week tells of an interesting incident which took place on the 4th of November. The former took in 400 tons at an average of 80 tons per working hour, and the latter 164 tons, at 20 1/2 tons per hour.

The deep interest taken in this station by its previous commander-in-chief, Vice-Admiral Sir L. A. Beaumont, K. C. M. G., has been demonstrated by his kindness in forwarding from the Australian station a framed, signed photograph of himself, to be placed in the newly established warrant officers' club at Esquimalt. The picture was accompanied by a handsome donation of \$20 to assist in adding to the club's comfort and usefulness.

Torpedo boat No. 40 has been paid off into the reserve and hauled up on the slip in the dockyard. Lieut. Bickford, who commanded, returned to the Grafton before that ship went south.

CAPT. BERNIER'S REPLY.

Says He Will Either Write or Telegraph Respecting City's Offer.

In reply to a telegram forwarded to Capt. Bernier asking if a contribution of \$5,000 would be sufficient to induce the Arctic explorer to build his ship here, Mayor Hayward has received the following:

Quebec, Dec. 12th.
Mayor Hayward, Victoria, B. C.:
Telegram just received. Thanks for the keen interest in matter. Will write or telegraph under shortest delay.
(Signed) CAPTAIN BERNIER.

FAVORS PACIFIC ROUTE.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—In a report from Jas. Larke, Australia, in which he urges again the possibilities of the grain and flour trade with Canada, says Canadian grain is being shipped from New York instead of Vancouver.

British Columbia apples are finding favor in Australia.

The funeral of the late John O'Donnell, of the steamer Aorangi, took place this morning from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Rev. Father Latour conducted appropriate services.

Charles A. E. Harris will be in Victoria in February, and while here will conduct a rehearsal of his Festival Mass. It is therefore important that the members of the chorus make themselves well acquainted with this work. The next rehearsal will be held on Wednesday evening at the city hall.

The fastest passage ever made by a sailing vessel was that of the Aberdeen clipper Thermopylae, from Liverpool to Melbourne in 90 days.



WHAT TO BUY
At Xmas time is usually a vexing question. If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume. We have all the latest odors by best French, English and American makers.
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THE VENEZUELAN DID NOT RESIST

DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE OF WARSHIPS

Germany Has Not Yet Received Any Proposal Looking to Arbitration.

Caracas, Dec. 13.—The following details of the capture of the Venezuelan vessels at La Guayra on Tuesday by the Anglo-German forces have reached here.

At 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon 13 boats manned by 240 British and German seamen and towed by two steam launches, without giving any notification of their intention to the Venezuelan authorities, entered the harbor of La Guayra and proceeded to the docks. The German contingent belonging to the cruisers Vineta and Falka, went to board the Margarita, formerly the torpedo boat Rayo, which was given to Venezuela by Ecuador, and revolver in hand, compelled the men who were occupied in repairing her to abandon the ship.

The German sailors smashed the torpedo tubes, the compass and the machinery, and left the Margarita in dock in this disabled condition. The Germans afterwards boarded the Usson, a freight steamer belonging to a Frenchman, and chartered by the government for the transportation of troops, and ordered their crews to lower the Venezuelan flag and leave the vessels. The Venezuelans made no resistance. The British bluejackets then cut the vessels loose from their anchors and towed them outside the harbor. The Venezuelan crews were allowed to return to the shore. The captured steamers were seen at 11 o'clock at night still in the same position. At 2 o'clock in the morning the British cruiser Retribution towed the General Crespo and the Tutoño farther out, and the Venezuelan vessels have not been seen since.

The government asserts that the soldiers at the fort at La Guayra saw them sunk with dynamite. It is a fact that the Retribution returned alone a few hours later to La Guayra, and it was impossible for her to have conducted them either to Caracas or Trinidad. The government complains that the German sailors ate the meals prepared on board the captured steamers of the Venezuelan crews.

Another Seizure.
La Guayra, Dec. 13.—The German cruiser Vineta yesterday captured near Guanta the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, formerly George J. Gould's yacht Atlanta. A crew from the Vineta was put aboard and the captured vessel was sent to Trinidad.

Nothing Official.
Berlin, Dec. 13.—The foreign office here to-night had not received a proposition to arbitrate through any channel. While it is said that Germany's claims are regarded as so clear and well grounded, that it is not easy to see what is left to arbitrate, still it is again reported that such a proposition would be taken into consideration if adequate reasons were presented.

The statement that the United States had given Germany and Great Britain its consent to the landing of troops in Venezuela is incorrect, because such a landing has not been the subject of negotiations.

Germany's Note.
Caracas, Dec. 13.—Following is a copy of the demands presented by the German minister on December 8th, before embarking at La Guayra:

"To His Excellency Señor Lopez Baralt, Minister of Foreign Affairs:

In the name of the government of His Majesty, the German Emperor, I have the honor to make the following

communication to the government of Venezuela:

"The Imperial government has been duly informed of the note of the minister of foreign affairs of Venezuela, dated the ninth of May last. In that note, the Venezuelan government refused the demands of the Imperial government relative to the payment of German claims arising out of the civil wars of 1898 to 1900, and to support their refusal, referred to arguments already put forward. The Imperial government, even after examining those arguments anew, does not think that it can consider that satisfactory. The government of the Republic, in the first place, owing to the interior legislation it is not possible to arrange the claims of foreigners arising from the wars by diplomatic intervention. That doctrine is not in conformity with international law, since the question of judging whether such intervention is admissible must be appreciated not according to the disposition of the interior legislation, but in accordance with the principles of international law.

"The Venezuelan government, with the object of making a demonstration of diplomatic defence, claims that this is inadmissible, and relies on the Twentieth Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, between the Imperial government and the Republic of Colombia, made on the 23rd day of July, 1892.

"This argument is wanting in efficacy, firstly, because the treaty is valid only between the German Empire and Colombia, and because Section Three of the Article puts an obstacle in the way of a diplomatic defence against German claims arising out of acts committed by the Colombian government."

After criticising several contentions of Venezuela, the document continues: "In spite of the sincerity of the desire which animates the Imperial government to maintain existing good relations with Venezuela, and although far from desiring not to respect the sovereignty of the Republic, or to intermeddle in its interior institutions, it can only see in the proceedings employed by the Venezuelan government an intention to deny to the German claimants the settlement due them in conformity with international law, and therefore believes itself obliged to contribute in a definite manner to their defence."

"The Imperial government has consequently instructed me to pray the Venezuelan government to satisfy without delay the German credits which, according to my note of December 31st last, amount to 1,718,815 bolivars, 67 centimes. Furthermore, the manner in which German claims consequent upon

the war have been treated by the government of the Republic, has led the Imperial government to think that the Republic also stand in need of support.

"By order of the Imperial government, I have asked the Venezuelan government to make a declaration immediately that it recognizes by principle the correctness of these demands, and is willing to accept the decision of a mixed commission with the object of having them determined and issued in all their details.

"The Imperial government hopes that the government of the Republic will satisfy the just demand of Germany; and not oblige the Imperial government to enforce its satisfaction.

"The Imperial government thinks it should not omit to mention that it is in accord with the British government, and has agreed to proceed jointly to obtain satisfaction of all demands.

(Signed) VON PILGRIM-BALTAZZI,
"German Charge d'Affaires."

"AUTOMOBILE" TRAIN.

Three Carriages to Run Between Paris and Dijon.

New York, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Paris, by way of London, to the Times describes a new system of railway travelling soon to be introduced in France. A train consisting of three "automobile" carriages is to leave Paris for Dijon on January 18th. It will travel 100 kilometers (62 miles) an hour. The carriages will take forty passengers each, as well as luggage, and a lavatory and a bar will be provided. Under the system employed, a small quantity of petroleum converts a small amount of water into the greatest possible propelling power. The steam acting directly on the wheels, these locomotives are superseded and each carriage is independent. The initial cost of the carriage complete is equal to that of one of the present corridor cars, which, however, are not convertible to the new system. It is stated that a speed of 62 miles an hour can be maintained for the whole distance from Paris to Nice.

POLICE CHARGED MOB.

Several Men Injured During a Strike Riot at Marseilles.

Marseilles, Dec. 12.—The first collision between strikers and the police occurred to-day, and as a result several men on both sides, including a commissary of police, were injured. The clash was an outcome of an attempt of the strikers to destroy the track in front of a car loaded with coal, which was being sent to the port. The police charged the crowd and made fifteen arrests. The remainder of the strikers were dispersed. Troops now guard all approaches to the port and disperse all assemblies. A strong force of soldiers and police occupy the streets surrounding the port.

Fishermen Out.

Nice, France, Dec. 13.—The boatmen and fishermen here and at Villefranche and Beaulieu, who are liable to naval service, have gone on strike in sympathy with the movement at Marseilles.

CANNOT MEET DEMAND.

Number of Works Have Been Closed Owing to Scarcity of Fuel.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 13.—The plant of the New Haven Iron & Steel Company has been closed owing to a lack of fuel.

Ferries Suspended.

Frankfort, Mich., Dec. 13.—Two car ferries of the Ann Arbor railway are tied up at their docks here because of the insufficient coal supply. There is not ten tons of soft coal in storage here where about 150 cars are usually kept.

Four Hundred Idle.

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 13.—The American Mills Company, manufacturers of woolen goods, to-day closed down their plant for an indefinite period on account of lack of fuel. Over 400 hands will be thrown out of employment.

CLERQUE'S MILL.

Large Contracts For Steel Rails—Operations to Be Resumed Next Week.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 13.—F. H. Clergue made the following statement yesterday:

"We have secured contracts from the Ontario and Dominion governments which will keep the mills in continuous and successful operation all winter and probably far into the summer."

He added that the slump in stock was no doubt due to the publication in the press of the decision to close the mills, but he believed profits on the contracts would pay dividends. The mills will reopen as soon as there is sufficient pig iron, which is coming in freely. It is stated that the mills will reopen on December 22nd.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Staff of Bank of Commerce Will Receive Bonus.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce management has decided to give every member of its staff throughout Canada a substantial Christmas gift. It will take the form of a bonus of from 10 to 20 per cent. of the annual salaries.

A DISCLAIMER.

New York, Dec. 13.—An organization called the Newspaper Artists' Association, at 23 East 14th street, in this city, under the management of C. W. Parker, claims to have as part of its exhibition committee certain persons connected with the Associated Press. I desire to say that the Associated Press has no relation to this affair, and that the use of the names is distinctly misleading.

(Signed) Melville Stone, General Manager Associated Press.

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THE REFERENDUM

Discussed at Meeting of the Provincial Progressive Party on Saturday.

At the meeting of the Provincial Progressive Party, "Referendum," plank No. 16 of their platform, was discussed. Ald. Yates responded to an invitation to lay before the meeting the by-law under that name framed by the city council at its initiative. In his address he fully explained the various clauses. Several questions were asked, which went to show that although it is a step in the right direction, it only provided for a recommendation by the people to the council, and was not binding on them to carry out the measure, and therefore could not be considered in the nature of direct legislation by the people.

Other speakers clearly defined the meaning of referendum as applied to direct legislation, showing that direct legislation meant simply an actual instead of a mere theoretic sovereignty of the people. They pointed out that legislators and city councils infrequently submit to the people questions of importance on which they wish to enact honest law, but they never submit a franchise steal to the people.

To show the beneficial results of the referendum in a condensed form, part of Prof. Frank Parsons's address before the Boston University School of Law was quoted, which is as follows: 1, referendum will substitute a real self-government for an elective aristocracy; 2, will put a check on corrupt legislation; 3, will destroy the lobby—it will no longer bribe legislators; 4, will open the door to progress and reform; 5, will simplify elections, ending each vote on a single measure instead of a conglomerate platform, mixed with personal considerations respecting a number of candidates; 6, will simplify the law; 7, will aid the enforcement of law; 8, will save the cost of innumerable important petitions, abortive investigations, lobby expenses, needless second houses, excessive printing of special laws, local acts, etc.; 9, will elevate the press by directing discussion to measures disconnected from men and affairs; 10, will elevate the profession of politics and bring better men into office; 11, will educate the people as no other institution can.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Yates, after which the debate was adjourned to be resumed on Friday, January 9th, when it is hoped there will be a large attendance of the electorate to discuss this important subject prior to the municipal elections.

THREE THROUGH TRAINS.

The Soo Line Will Run One to Coast Next Year.

It is probable that three trains per day will reach Vancouver from the East over the C. P. R., after March 1st of next year. The statement is now made that an extra through train will run from St. Paul to Seattle, via Moose Jaw and Vancouver. This announcement was made by W. B. Callaway, general passenger agent of the Soo line, with headquarters at St. Paul. All the equipment, consisting of new sleepers, tourist cars and day coaches, will be ready by March 1st, at which date the initial trip of the train will be made, starting from St. Paul.

The route will be from Seattle to Sunay, over the Northern Pacific, thence over the Canadian Pacific to Moose Jaw, Minniboa, and from there over the Soo line to St. Paul.

It is to be an extra train, over and above any which have ever been operated to and from the coast in the past. In speaking of the train Mr. Callaway says the reason for putting it on is that next year it is expected there will be a greater travel to the Pacific coast than ever before. Last year, when the heavy travel was on, the Soo line was handling its business from St. Paul to Puget Sound by means of a connection with the Canadian Pacific Imperial Limited. Oftentimes this train, owing to its long run from Montreal, was unable to make connection that proved satisfactory to the route. Then again, the Imperial Limited was usually crowded with

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westbound passengers, and, generally, the arrangements were unsatisfactory. The new train, both East and West, he says, will be sold, and will go through without change between the terminal points.

From St. Paul eastward, at the same time, the Soo line will inaugurate a new train to and from Montreal. It will be independent of any other line, only that it will be operated over the Canadian Pacific tracks. The reasons for this move, Mr. Callaway says, are the same as for the coast train.

One month later, on April 1st, the Canadian Pacific will put on its regular Imperial Limited. There will be this change in its schedule, however, that it will be operated every day next season instead of three times a week, as has been the schedule in the past.

Beside this the Canadian Pacific will operate its Atlantic express daily. All this preparation is for the tremendous passenger business which is expected will be between the Pacific coast and the East.—Winnipeg Free Press.

J. S. Wilcott, who has been manager of the Merchants' Bank branch at Portage la Prairie, leaves in a few days for Brandon, where he takes charge of the branch, succeeding W. A. MacHaffie, who has been appointed manager of the British North American Bank in Winnipeg. Mr. Munro, of Walkerton, Ont., succeeds Mr. Wilcott at Portage la Prairie.

The grand jury at the general assizes at London, Ont., recommended that Walter Herbert, who confessed to the murder of Joseph Sifton, be released.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 15--5 a. m.--The pressure has given way on this coast in advance of an ocean storm area which is approaching Vancouver Island and which is causing strong easterly winds at the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. A high barometer area covers the Pacific states, but is slowly moving to the southward. The weather west of the Rockies is chiefly cloudy, and temperatures are higher. In the Northwest the weather continues fair and the cold spell has greatly moderated.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity--Fresh or strong easterly winds, chiefly cloudy, with occasional rain, and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland--Moderate or fresh easterly winds, with occasional rain.

Reports.

Victoria--Barometer, 29.02; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster--Barometer, 29.04; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops--Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, fair.

Barkerville--Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 24; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco--Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, fair.

Edmonton--Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 12; minimum, zero; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer *Majestic* from the Sound--Saturday--W. B. Dwyer, H. A. Hunt, J. A. Hunt, W. B. Crow, W. C. Spicer, S. T. Lewis, P. A. Swan, H. Prother, J. Williams, A. S. Angell, J. Bekke, W. G. Benham and wife and daughter, Mrs. Leonard, Robert Croft, J. Edwards, W. H. Maroon, G. O. Clark, J. A. Brown, Miss Whitely, C. H. Bowen, J. Taggart, Chas. James and wife, R. B. Skinner, Dr. Mitchell, B. Galloway and wife, Jas. Dooley, Miss Poon, John Bros. and wife, S. L. Palmer, Geo. Brown, Jas. Parker. Per steamer *Queen* from San Francisco--Miss Berry, A. S. Clarke, F. W. McDunn, H. B. Wilson, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. H. Sanger, Mrs. O. B. Anthony, Mrs. Murray, Miss Murray.

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CUMBERLAND NOTES.

(Special correspondence of the Times.) At a general meeting of the Athletic Association on Wednesday night it was decided to call for tenders for a building eighty feet long by forty feet wide. There will be a small reading room in front and a gymnasium, forty by sixty-eight, suitable for playing basketball, with galleries around two sides for spectators. The building is to be erected as quickly as possible. Meanwhile Picket's hall is being used for basketball. Arrangements have been made for the Ladysmith football team to visit Cumberland on New Year's day to play the first match for the intermediate championship. The winning team will then play Victoria. A basketball team will also come from Ladysmith on the same day. A Nanaimo basketball team play the Cumberlands here on Christmas day.

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"James Dunsmuir, many times a millionaire, owner of the vast collieries on Vancouver Island and until a few weeks ago Premier of the province of British Columbia, is in San Francisco incognito and much active speculation among those interested in fuel propositions may well be caused by his presence here," says the San Francisco Bulletin.

"Mr. Dunsmuir arrived at the Palace on Monday night from Victoria, but for his own reasons he did not register. His confidential agent, J. A. Lindsay, had already secured his apartments and he went directly to them. On Tuesday morning he was seen in the Palace court with Mr. Lindsay, but in answer to various inquiries he managed to live up successfully to his record which gained him the name of 'the silent Premier' when he was an active figure in Canadian politics. For Mr. Dunsmuir does not talk, in fact, it is on record that he has gone through whole sessions of parliament without uttering a word, and he carries this curious reticence even into his ordinary business.

"All I can say is that I have not had an opportunity of getting down to San Francisco since I returned from King Edward's coronation," he said. "I have many interests here and I am looking after them. That's all."

"The curious part of the coal baron's presence here at this time is that it is coincident with that of S. M. Robins, manager of the New Vancouver Coal Company, the collieries of which are immediately adjoining those of the Dunsmuir. It is at least on the tapis that a big deal is in contemplation by which the American capitalists may secure the whole of the coal measures on Vancouver Island.

"Quite recently it was announced in the Bulletin exclusively that the Pacific Improvement Company had sold to Mr. Dunsmuir its share in the coal fields and in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railroad, so that the ex-premier is in a position to deal with the question any way he wishes.

"I don't mind telling you one thing," said the silent millionaire, breaking his habit for once. "We have found anthracite coal at Comox. It is a six-foot seam and it extends under a thousand acres of our land. From the croppings it assays 80 per cent. carbon."

"Then has your visit anything to do with putting anthracite on the market here?" he was asked, but once more he became dumb.

"A railroad official who was asked as to the importance of the discovery of anthracite on the coast remarked that it could not be overestimated. 'At present we have none nearer than Colorado,' he said, 'and the long haul practically puts it out of the market.'

"In connection with Mr. Dunsmuir's visit it is interesting to note that he is defendant in a suit recently launched by Edna Wallace Hopper to secure a large share of the estate of the late Alex. Dunsmuir, who was married to the young actress's mother."

M'INTYRE'S CAREER.

Lost Mail Carrier Well Known in Yukon--Located First Claims at White Horse.

W. E. Brewer, the mining engineer, who was intimately acquainted with J. McIntyre, the mail carrier who was reported to have been drowned in Taku Arm, gives an interesting account of his career in the Yukon.

Mr. McIntyre was one of the best known prospectors of the Yukon, being widely acquainted in almost all the northern camps. He went into the Yukon in 1895 from St. Michaels, prospecting in all camps on the lower Yukon and in Dawson. In 1897 he formed a partnership with W. P. Grainger, who was also an experienced prospector, having been in the country since 1896.

Together they went from Dawson to White Horse. Mr. McIntyre discovered the White Horse copper belt in the summer of 1898, and one of the two creeks running through that belt was named after him. Messrs. McIntyre and Grainger located the Copper King, Copper used as Aurora claims. They were the first locations made at White Horse. In the fall of 1899 McIntyre and Grainger came out to Vancouver, where they spent the winter and, returning to White Horse in May, 1900, commenced operations on their claims, which resulted in the shipping of eight and a half tons of ore, for which they received a return from the smelter of \$751. This was the first shipment from White Horse. This year McIntyre was employed on the winter stage road from White Horse to Dawson, and was considered one of the best cruisers for that road in the employ of the government. He entered the employ of the B. Y. & T. Co. in October as a mail carrier over the Fen Trail trail from Log Cabin to Athol, making his first trip from Log Cabin on November the 10th. He occupied this position until his disappearance a few days ago.

The British Corn Exchange has issued a circular urging all trades associations and boards of trade of the Empire to urge the British authorities to adjust the corn duties. They claim that there is a discrimination of 48 per cent. in favor of wheat importations as against flour and rye products.

The following cases were decided by Mr. Justice Drake at the recent sittings of the County court.

Dyke et al vs. Kirchheimer--An action for \$350 on account of a piano retained by defendant from stock of plaintiffs, for whom he was formerly agent. Defendant contended the instrument had been included amongst a number of pianos for which he had paid. Judgment was given for the plaintiffs. J. M. Bradburn for plaintiffs, A. P. Laxton contra.

Binn vs. Victoria Terminal & Sidney Railway--Plaintiff was discharged from service on one day's notice, and was tendered a cheque for \$34.85, but claimed a month's salary in addition. Judgment was given in his favor. J. P. Walls for plaintiff, Thornton Fell contra.

McIntyre et al vs. Jack--A judgment by consent for \$75 and \$10 costs was entered for plaintiffs. F. B. Gregory for plaintiffs.

Sheen vs. Allan--Plaintiff obtained judgment for \$82 and costs. F. B. Gregory for plaintiff.

John Van Horne, former vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Co., died at Louisville, Ky., on Saturday.

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The Cycle of Musical Festivals of the Dominion of Canada, organized and directed by Charles A. E. Harris, of Earncliffe, Ottawa, is now in full swing, and reports from the cities in which festivals are to be held show that the music lovers of Canada are working with great enthusiasm to ensure to the scheme the success it deserves.

To those unfamiliar with the aim and object of the undertaking the following may be of interest: Musical festivals, on the lines of those held in Leeds, Birmingham, Worcester and other towns in England, are in active course of preparation in all the principal cities of Canada.

Choral societies have been formed which are now busily engaged in studying the works of famous British composers, and Mr. Harris has arranged with Sir Alexander C. Mackenzie, principal of the London Royal Academy of Music, to make a tour of Canada in April, 1903, for the purpose of personally conducting the final performances. The soloists will also come from England and will be specially selected for Mr. Harris by Sir A. C. Mackenzie.

The offer made by Mr. Harris to the cities included in his list is probably without precedent in musical history. He bears the whole financial burden of the undertaking and simply asks the cities to provide choruses of picked singers who are willing to provide their own music--which, owing to the sympathy in the undertaking of Messrs. Novello & Co., the musical publishers of London and New York, is supplied to the members of the chorus at about half price. The novelty and magnitude of the undertaking is already creating a great deal of admiration and interest in England which will increase as the details become more widely known.

In Victoria a chorus of two hundred picked voices has been organized, and includes all the principal singers of the city. The chorus met for the first time on Wednesday last in the city hall, where the city fathers have very kindly lent for rehearsals. A professional orchestra of thirty instruments will accompany the chorus. The Tourist Association has warmly welcomed the scheme, and with the exceptional facilities it possesses for advertising and arranging for excursion trains and boats, it is safe to predict that a great number of music lovers of the Island and Sound cities will visit Victoria during festival week.

The festival here will extend over two days, and will include the following works: A. C. Mackenzie's "The Otter's Saturday Night"; Villiers Stanford's "Reverie"; O. Hubert Parry's "Ode on St. Cecilia's Day"; Coleridge Taylor's "Hiawatha"; C. A. E. Harris's "Festival Mass."

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DISALLOWANCE.

The disallowance by the Dominion government of the acts passed, ostensibly for the restriction of Oriental immigration, at the last session of the British Columbia Legislature will not create a sensation. It was perfectly well known at the time they were enacted that they would be disallowed. They infringed upon the prerogative of the Dominion and the Dominion government could do nothing else but set them aside. At the time they were introduced it was acknowledged there was no hope of their being allowed to come into operation, but it was claimed there was no better way of calling the attention of the Dominion government to the sentiment which exists in this province upon the subject. At the time we pointed out, however, that the action was purely demagogic. There was not a member of the Legislature who had the courage to stand up and point out that the conditions had entirely changed since the time the original restrictive measures were introduced. Then Japanese were flocking into British Columbia by the shipload, and there was occasion for the gravest alarm. The Japanese government, seeing the movement was objectionable to the populace of this province, took measures to stop it. It did this because it objected most strenuously to the stigma it assumed the measures proposed by British Columbia would cast upon a proud, highly self-respecting race.

The question has been the subject of lengthy correspondence between the representatives of Japan in Canada and in Great Britain, Imperial Ministers and Canadian authorities. We have before us a mass of letters dated from 1897 up to 1901, two years later than the one quoted by the Colonist in alleged substantiation of its statement that the anti-Japanese legislation was not disallowed in deference to any Imperial policy. No doubt many more communications have been exchanged, and will be published in due time. Our morning contemporary grew particularly eloquent upon the subject. It entered upon the attack so enthusiastically that it apparently neglected the important duty of reading the letters it printed. What does this paragraph indicate if not that the laws were disallowed in deference to Imperial policy?

"Her Majesty's government feel impelled, however reluctant they may be, to cause inconvenience to the province, to press upon your ministers the importance of the general interests of the Empire of using the powers vested in them by the British North America Act, for cancelling these measures, to which Her Majesty's government object on grounds both of principle and policy."

The foregoing is signed by Joseph Chamberlain, and if it does not mean that the Dominion government was asked to disallow the measures "in deference to Imperial policy," what can it mean?

Now a word as to the manner in which that Imperial policy was shaped. We find in the correspondence referred to the following letter, one of many pressing upon the Imperial government the

views of the representative men of the Japanese nation:

The Japanese Ambassador (in London) to the Most Honorable the Marquess of Lansdowne:

Japanese Legation, 7th January, 1901.

Monsieur le Marquis—I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a telegram from the Japanese consul at Vancouver, informing me that regulations have been promulgated in British Columbia to carry out the immigration act which has passed the legislative assembly of that province on 31st August last, and that necessary officers have been appointed by the provincial government for that purpose. To that legislation as well as other similar measures adopted by that province my government has taken exception, and I had the honor under its instructions to write on 18th September last to your Lordship's predecessor that Her Majesty's government may see its way to exercise its influence to annul those enactments. Her Majesty's government has given prompt attention to my request, and the matter has since been referred to the Dominion government. In view, however, of the steps now being taken by the authorities of that province to enforce those acts, I have the honor to request your Lordship that the attention of the Governor-General of Canada may be called again, and that his sanction may without further delay be withheld from those acts.

I have, etc.,
HAYASHI.

In drawing the attention of the Dominion authorities to the above communication, the Colonial Secretary again pointed out "that the whole scheme of the British North America Act implies the exclusive exercise by the Dominion of all national powers, and though the power to legislate for the promotion and encouragement of immigration into the provinces may have been given to the provincial legislatures, the right of entry into Canada of persons voluntarily seeking such entry is obviously a purely national matter, affecting as it does directly the relations of the Empire with foreign states." From this it seems clear enough that the Imperial authorities desired the annulment of the laws because they were considered inimical to Imperial policy. Britain's relations with Japan are of a much more intimate character to-day than they were two years ago, and the natural desire will be to remove any possible cause of offence. It would have been an easier and vastly more popular course for the Dominion government to ignore the offending acts. The matter is of no interest in Canada outside of British Columbia. Is it reasonable to ask the people of this province to believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues are deliberately setting themselves against the well-understood sentiments of the great majority of British Columbians?

CANADA IN LONDON.

British financial journals are devoting a considerable amount of space to Canadian affairs at present. They are highly pleased with the evidences of the progress of the Dominion during the past year, and apparently full of confidence as to the prospects of the future. British investors will be quite as highly pleased if they place their investments judiciously. The Financial News says Canadian railway extension finds its most potent advocate in the earnings of the existing lines. For the third week of November the Grand Trunk reports a gross increase of £16,040, and though comparison is made with a gain of only £425 for the whole system in the corresponding week, it is well to note that the increase on the Canadian lines is £8,521, and that they exhibited an improvement of £7,062 a year ago. The Canadian Pacific's gain for the third week of November is \$124,000, against one of \$190,000 in the corresponding week. As usual, the portion of the Grand Trunk system operated in the United States shows a deficit. The only hope of the Canada's pioneer road is to extend its lines to the full breadth of Canada. It is unfortunate for the company that it did not secure a man like Mr. Hays some years ago.

The financier makes a comparison between Australia and Canada. It learns that during October the outlook in the eastern half of the southern continent was "more serious than it had yet been" on account of the drought. "Exports will be on a restricted scale during the coming season," say the local reports, "and imports are already being reduced." Canada has a very different tale to tell. A return of the Dominion's trade during the four months ended October shows a gain in imports of \$823,331, compared with the corresponding period of last year, and an increase in exports of £1,552,391. If the same ratio of improvement be continued to the end of the current fiscal year Canada's aggregate foreign commerce will see a gain of not less than £7,400,000. Extension and development are the order of the day, prosperity is everywhere apparent, and the transportation problem has become acute, Canada having apparently outgrown its existing facilities.

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steel in order that the darts of Cupid shall not make even a dent therein. The Bank of Commerce, it is true, has announced its intention of bestowing Christmas presents upon its employees amounting to a considerable sum, but as that cannot be considered a "fixed charge" and may not be continued beyond the present year, it will not bring the average clerk any nearer the limit at which the bars to love shall be taken down. And the extraordinary movement is spreading. There is some talk of introducing a similar prohibition into the United States army. If there be any class with greater social attractiveness than bank clerks, it must be dashing young army officers. What is to become of the girls of the "higher stratum" if matrimonial prohibition is to be enjoined upon all young men with premier attractions? This is a serious matter and should be treated seriously. The adjutant-general of the United States army recognizes this, and in his annual report he says that in the case of the young officer matrimony is a detriment to the service, dividing his attention and detracting from the value of his work. "A young officer," says Gen. Corbin, "should have but one allegiance, and that should be to the service. Those without private means must necessarily divide their pay between the demands of their office and their family." In the case of officers assigned to the Philippines, where living is expensive, this is an especially serious consideration. An American exchange says if the war department is to exercise its influence in opposition to early marriages it will be because of reasons many of which apply with equal force to the marriage of young men in other walks of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong (formerly Miss May Yohe) have landed in New York. A Chicago paper suggests that the health authorities should bring their fumigating apparatus into operation. It is rather amusing to think of Chicago standing up for the proprieties in such matters. May has not changed husbands so very often. Perhaps she has not behaved in a regular way, as they understand regularity in some parts of the United States. But we fancy her state is quite as tolerable as that of the majority who keep the divorce courts busy. And, talking of fumigation, nothing milder than such a bath as was given Sodom and Gomorrah would make some United-States cities habitable to persons with a reasonable sense of decency.

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Prof. O. C. Bruce, late of Thorne-
croft's Mounted Infantry, now playing
an engagement at the Orpheum theatre,
is an artist of no mean ability. He is
not all around musician as well as a
vigorous composer, and his playing of
popular marches and melodies on ordi-
nary glass bottles is the best act of its
kind on the stage to-day.

Indoor baseball is an innovation of
the most attractive character, and this,
together with the excellent programme
by the Fifth Regiment band, entertain-
ing a large crowd at the drill hall last
Saturday night. Unfortunately the
match wasn't a very good one, being al-
together too uneven. A description is
published in the sporting columns of
this paper. The extra-attraction next
Saturday will be a senior league basket-
ball game between the Fernwood and
Victoria West teams.

The celebrated Look Den case was
called this morning in the police court,
and ultimately adjourned until to-mor-
row afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, counsel
for the defence, J. M. Bradburn, being
engaged in another court. It is expected
that the case will be concluded to-mor-
row afternoon, when Look Den, the vic-
tim of the assault, will be re-examined
by Mr. Higgins. As the witness is un-
able to leave his bed the hearing will
take place in his room. As will be re-
membered he was examined there several
weeks ago. An Indian named Harry
Dick, who has been looking too fondly
on the wine when it was red, was fined
\$5 or ten days. The woman Kate Wal-
lace, who failed to respond when called
for drunkenness last Saturday, was
supposed to appear this morning, but didn't,
so a warrant for her arrest was issued.

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Cor. Douglas St. and King's Road.

Howland Brittain, patent attorney,
of Vancouver, sends the following ab-
stract from the United States Patent
Office Gazette for the week ending De-
cember 22d, 1902: During this week 332
patents were issued. Citizens of the
United States, 506; Austria-Hungary, 2;
Canada, 9; Denmark, 1; Great Britain,
21; France, 9; Germany, 21; Italy, 3;
Japan, 1; New South Wales, 2; Norway,
1; Russia, 1; Sweden, 3; and Switzer-
land, 2. The following Canadian pat-
ents were issued to British Columbians
during the past week: To F. S. Smith,
Vancouver, on a broom guard. This de-
vice consists of a light band surround-
ing the straws of a broom, and is de-
signed to prevent them spreading, whereby
the broom will last longer in use, and be
more efficient in its work. It is simply
adjustable, both to various sizes of
broom, and to the requirements of the
user. To John Morrisett, Vancouver, on
an improvement on a steam engine
piston, whereby the weight of a heavy
piston is centrally sustained in the bore
of the cylinder, and undue wear of pis-
ton and glands thereby avoided.

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NO. 2 VIEW STREET.

—Make Labatt's Crystal Ale your
Christmas drink.

—Steamer Majestic sails from the
outer wharf to-night at 8.15 for Seattle.

—The Victoria City band's series of
winter dances will commence on New
Year's eve with a grand tombola.

—Repairs to the steamer Venture hav-
ing been completed, that vessel went out
this afternoon on a couple of hours' trial
trip.

—If you want a beautiful everlasting
porcelain wreath, call and see them at
Stewart's Granite and Marble Works,
Yates street.

—Brass-Hammered Brass Trays
from Benares & Morhabad have ar-
rived, and on sale at the Indian and
Persian Depot, 15 Broad street.

—Yesterday was Confirmation Sunday
in the Reformed Episcopal church. In
the morning a large class was presented
to Bishop Chidge for confirmation and
appropriate music was rendered.

—The Mikado Bazaar, now Japanese
store on 138 Government street, has new
china ware and others arrived on last
Empress of India. Entirely new stock.
It is best place to get a Christmas pres-
ent.

—The members of the Veterans' Asso-
ciation of Vancouver Island will hold
their regular meeting on Thursday, the 18th,
at 8 p. m. A short musical programme will
follow the regular business.

—A. Horel, of Crofton, has been
awarded the contract for the new school
house to be erected at North Salt Spring.
The school building is to be a very fine
one, and is regarded as sufficient to meet
every demand upon its accommodation.

—The Friendly Help Association is
making arrangements for the distribu-
tion of Christmas gifts to the poor at
the end of the week. The public are
asked to send in donations as soon as
possible. Food and clothing may be left
with Mr. Johnson at the market building,
and money gifts may be given to Miss
M. Lawson, Kocacaballa.

—Primrose & Dockstader's minstrel
from the day of their incorporation have
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—Concerning Dr. Roland D. Grant,
who is to lecture in Calvary church on
Wednesday night, the Boston Times has
this to say: "Dr. Grant is one of the
finest lecturers ever heard in this city.
His descriptions of events are positively
fascinating, and he seems endowed with
all the gifts requisite to great success as
a public entertainer. He has a voice of
phenomenal richness and power, a face
full of expression, and a mind able to
poray, in the most perfect manner, any
scenes or incidents which he desires to
place before his hearers." Dr. Grant
has a call to lecture every night this ses-
sion in the East, which he is obliged to
decline. He has a similar call for next
season which he will doubtless accept.

—It is a remarkable fact that with
lower premium rates than those charged
by the leading American companies, The
Mutual Life of Canada has paid better
results on its matured policies. A com-
parison of actual results of exactly sim-
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—The City band will inaugurate a
series of dances on New Year's Eve at
A. O. U. W. hall. Grand tombola.

—An important meeting of the Na-
tural History Society will be held to-
night at the usual place. All members
are requested to attend.

—Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I. O.
O. F., will meet to-morrow night. Only
brothers will be admitted to the Patri-
archal Degree, and a report from the re-
ception committee will be considered.

—Our Line of Cups and Saucers, Fruit
and Cake Plates, Fruit Bowls, Cake
Stands, Tea Sets and Dinner Sets, is
attracting much attention. The prices
are so very reasonable that no person
can resist purchasing at sight. Weller
Bros.

—On her last trip up to the Fraser
the steamer Princess Louise rescued a
fisherman whose boat had drifted seaward.
The man was quite exhausted
when picked up, and would doubtless
have been drowned had not the steamer
come along.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann
Harris took place this morning from the
family residence, No. 151 Fort street,
at 9.15 o'clock, and a few minutes later
at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, where
religious services were conducted. There
was a large attendance of friends.

—The addition to the Spring Ridge
Methodist Sunday school was opened
yesterday when Rev. W. J. Sipprell,
principal of the Wesleyan College, de-
livered addresses in the morning and
afternoon. At the latter session the
reverend gentleman spoke along Sunday
school lines, referring especially to the
necessity and importance of spiritual
growth among the children. In the
evening Rev. Mr. Sipprell occupied the
pulpit of the Metropolitan Methodist
church. A social gathering will be held
to-morrow evening. Besides an excellent
programme, which has been prepared for
the occasion, addresses will be delivered
by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe and Rev. H. J.
Westman. The chair will be taken
by R. L. Drury. Refreshments will be
served by the ladies.

—At St. John's church last night at
the conclusion of the evening service the
third of the series of Advent Recitals
was given. There was a large congrega-
tion. Those who assisted the organist
were: Madame Laird, whose pure
soprano voice was heard to good effect
in the solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Say"; J. H. Cave, whose singing of the
tenor solo, "If With All Your Hearts,"
was very good, and in the absence of
Herbert Taylor, who is suffering from
an attack of hoarseness, G. Hicks at the
last moment filled in the number by sing-
ing "With Pious Hearts," from "Judas
Maccabaeus," which he did in his best
style. T. Hood and Jesse Longfield
gave a violin duet very effectively, and
the latter played the concluding organ
solo in an excellent manner.

—The arrangements for the concert
to be given to-morrow evening in the
opera house are completed. The concert
will be under the patronage of His
Honour Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere. The
programme will be a very varied one in-
cluding contributions by some of the best
known artists in the city. In addition
to those before mentioned in the Times
A. H. Ritchie, the violinist, will take
part. The little misses who take part
in the dancing will be a very attractive
feature of it. Programmes will be sold
at 10 cents each at the doors. There
will also be candy sold during the inter-
mission between the two parts of the
programme. The proceeds of the con-
cert are to go to a charitable cause. The
opportunity to hear Miss Goodwin in her
selections is in itself sufficient to draw
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me meek get by day eat near

meet make tray cake my keg

TO BE MEMORIZED:

A, as Can Good In He The Will Period

WRITE:

The lad will meet me in the lane.

READ:

Try to write: Cat, rat, mat, gate, Kate, ear, mere, game, came, ran, law, Ted,
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120 DOZEN HEMSTITCHED LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, extra
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Just received, 50 of the finest precision
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The Associated Press dispatch to the Times from Portland says: "The German barque Herzog-in-Celle, which has arrived in Astoria, 66 days from Monte Video, has broken the record, the best previous record being 76 days. She sailed from Hamburg for Portland on June 25th, and while working down the Atlantic, met a gale which partially dismasted her. She put into Monte Video on August 20th for repairs, and was unable to get away from there until October 6th. Previous to the disaster she had been chartered to load wheat at Portland at 25 shillings, but before she reached port the rate had declined, and the chances were against her reaching port before her charter expired."

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION.
"The report that the Puget Sound Towboat Co. is discriminating in the rates on vessels towed from British Columbia and Hellingham Bay ports to this place, seems to have created some feeling and the motives of the company impugned," says the Port Townsend Call.

"The facts as ascertained by the Call are that the company has not advanced the rates of towage of vessels from British Columbia ports here, but have simply placed the Bellingham Bay ports on an equal footing with the British Columbia ports. Vessels towed from British Columbia ports here to ship crews will be charged the same rates that have been in existence for some years, while an advance will be made on the towage of vessels from Whatcom or Blaine to this port. The company claims that as Blaine and Whatcom are so near the British Columbia line that they are in the matter of distance the same as British Columbia ports, and to bring a vessel from those places necessitates extra towage as Port Townsend is off the direct line to sea from those ports and it is for this extra distance that the additional charge is made and not for the purpose of discriminating against this city."

PASSENGERS FROM NORTH.
On arrival from the north on Saturday afternoon the steamer Tees had the following passengers: J. E. Stark, Miss Scrivner, Rev. Dr. Whitton, R. Thomson, A. C. Willey, M. Fraser, J. Dory, Captain Goss, M. Williams, Miss Hitchcock, H. Berryman, J. D. McKenzie, D. T. Beal, H. Rogers, G. Baillie, A. Maloy, A. Plummel, Mr. O'Neill, George Morrow, L. Patten, J. D. McDonald, A. Maynes and Alfred Hudson.

As cargo the ship brought 3,700 cases of salmon. She landed at Kitimat the first overland winter mail for Hazelton and points beyond.

NINE WERE DROWNED.
The Russian barkentine Bering, which arrived at San Francisco from Petropavlovsk early in the week, brought a story of the drowning of nine persons in the Gulf of Kamchatka. A Russian transport was landing passengers in a steam launch at Petropavlovsk when the launch overturned and all the occupants perished. One of the victims was a prominent citizen of St. Petersburg. The Bering brought 10,426 cases of salmon and 4,110 skins.

MARINE NOTES.
Steamers Tees and Amur, of the C. P. N. fleet, will be leaving port this evening, the former for northern British Columbia ports and the latter for Skagway. Few passengers have been ticketed for the Amur. The list of the Tees will include Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, W. R. Flavin, Mr. Clark, H. J. Kirkland, W. J. Leary and J. B. Elliott. The steamship Queen made a fast trip from the Golden Gate on Sunday arriving early in the afternoon, with only a total of 69 passengers, of whom sixteen departed here.

Among the Victoria passengers who will be leaving here on the steamer City of Puebla this evening will be E. Denminster, A. Landels and J. Brocam.

The British ship Pengwern has finished discharging her Victoria freight, and will be towed to Vancouver as soon as the Lorne returns from Alaska.

Steamer Cottage City is due from the north on the 19th inst.

Table Linens and Napkins, Irish Linen Tea Cloths, Lace Coverlets, Eider Down Quilts, Cushions (covered or uncovered), Liberty Goods and a thousand other things, at Weller Bros., Christmas Exhibition.

Both teams got down to hard work and the most inveterate local and foreign soldiers' ground. But Vancouver's captain, having all his men in grand style and three-quarters alike—right up towards the soldiers' goal in a great effort to score. For some time the soldiers were held in this position that they could hardly break away without being called for by their own side. However, they got started, but were immediately stopped by the "off-side" and the goal he scored from his run is disputed by Vancouver.

"It was a grand game and both teams were well played. The whole forward line worked in grand style and were loudly cheered. But there was one player on the team who was most conspicuous and he was Rivers, the mainstay of their forward line, who scored all the soldiers' goals. For the local, McGee and Macdonald played their usual brilliant game and worked hard, as did all the players of the local team. Vancouver played well and did some effective work. Canada was good in the field, at outside right, both in dribbling and passing, but he lacked dash and speed. The local team was a strong game throughout.

"The officials of the day were: Referee, Sgt. Major Derbyshire, Victoria; D. Stevens, Vancouver. Line judges, Trumeter, Kelowna; J. W. Barwick, Vancouver."—News-Advertiser.

BASKETBALL.

VICTORIA DEFEATED.
"Everyone who left the drill hall on Saturday night after the basketball match between the Victoria and Vancouver regimental basketball teams, was highly pleased at having witnessed such an excellent and 'hot' game," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. The game was a most superior game and was won out easily by 21 points to 0. The game was not as one-sided as the score would indicate, and some brilliant playing on both sides was witnessed. The shooting of the local was in feature, and the soldiers' team played the Victoria boys in the shade. The attendance was the largest that has ever attended a match here, and the crowd went home well pleased. For the local, Murray put up his usual great game and made some fine shots, while in the back division, Jack Goode and Boult were the stars and kept their checks well covered. For the soldiers, four-outers, Hughes, in the back division, worked hard and endeavored to stave off defeat.

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HUNT CLUB MEET.

The meet on Saturday of the Victoria Hunt Club was well attended, over twenty being present, including a number of ladies. The side was most not considered, but it was nevertheless a very enjoyable one. In addition to the hares there were eleven to fifteen of the best of the best. The next run will be made from Colwood.

HENLEY REGATTA.

London, Dec. 12.—A meeting of the Henley Regatta Association today was held by a vote of 13 to 2 to exclude all crews carried by professionals within a month of the opening of the regatta. Next year's regatta was fixed for July 7th, 8th and 9th. The text of the rule adopted to-day is as follows: "No eight-oared, four-oared or pair-oared crew shall be allowed to compete if, within four weeks prior to the commencement of the regatta, the crew shall have been coached during any practice in rowing, or controlled or directed in their training by a professional." The rule was carried by a vote of 13 to 2.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

AT CANTER GROUND.
A good game was played at the Canter grounds on Saturday afternoon between the Eggera and Dockyard eleven, resulting in a draw, after a closely contested match.

In the first half the Eggera succeeded in making a goal after considerable hard play. The second half was equally hard fought, and using his head put in goal. It was stopped, however, only to be inadvertently kicked back into the goal. The second half was a close contest, and the Eggera were successful in making a goal. The game was finally decided in favor of the Eggera. No further points were made, the game ending in a draw.

GAME ON WEDNESDAY.

On Wednesday the Eggera and Eggera eleven will play at Work Point barracks.

CENTRAL WON.
The junior league match played on Saturday afternoon at Beacon Hill between the Central and South Park teams was a walk over for the former team, that aggregation winning by 8 goals to 0.

The progress of the league to those who have followed the progress of the league is very interesting. Up to the present the Capital City and Central teams have undoubtedly proved their worth as the best in the league. Central has lost but one game, and that was in the match against the Eggera, which the latter won by the extremely narrow margin of one goal.

Saturday's match was very uneven. The South Park team was too light to stand against the weight of the Central team. The back division was not sure enough in the game, and the forwards showed themselves to be a very strong team. To stand any chance whatever for the championship, the South Park boys must defeat the Central team. The latter team was the most noticeable player for Central, repelling every feeble attempt on goal with accuracy.

HOCKEY.

A CLOSE GAME.
"On Saturday afternoon at Brockton Point, Vancouver, the second league hockey match in the provincial league was contested between the Vancouver hockey team and the Royal Canadian Artillery hockey team. The match was very keenly fought from start to finish, and was one of the fastest ever witnessed in the history of the game. The game was very even throughout. The soldiers' team was too light to stand against the weight of the Vancouver team. The back division was not sure enough in the game, and the forwards showed themselves to be a very strong team. To stand any chance whatever for the championship, the South Park boys must defeat the Central team. The latter team was the most noticeable player for Central, repelling every feeble attempt on goal with accuracy.

CHESS.

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The chess tournament is now in progress. On Friday evening the scoring was done, the players having completed the following:

Class A—B. Williams, a bye.
Class B—W. D. Johnston, M. P. P. E. Leeming, R. B. H. Hurst, C. C. McKenzie.
Class C—P. T. Johnston, D. Leeming, P. Davey, S. Child, Batstone, W. Brown.
Class D—W. Blake, R. Smith, R. Clark, J. Scott, C. Christy, C. Christopher.

Each player in classes B, C and D plays two games with every other player in the class. The winner of the greatest number of games in each class draws a quarter of a game to each—to play in the hand-off final.

In class B, McKenzie vs. Hurst, each won a game.

In class C, P. T. Johnston, D. Leeming, P. Davey, S. Child, Batstone, W. Brown, each won two games. P. Davey has won two and lost one. W. Brown's score is two wins and two losses. The six players in class D played fourteen games during the week. Wm. Blake is high in the local's favor, but their keeper, succeeded in scoring the first goal. R. Clark is next, with a score of three wins to one loss game. J. Scott has a high score, but his back division was not sure enough in the game, and the forwards showed themselves to be a very strong team. To stand any chance whatever for the championship, the South Park boys must defeat the Central team. The latter team was the most noticeable player for Central, repelling every feeble attempt on goal with accuracy.

Blake plays Mr. Clark. Mr. Smith plays Mr. Hurst. Mr. Scott plays Mr. Christopher.

Third Round—First and second games; scoring night, 29th December, at 9.15 p.m. Pairing—B. Class—Mr. Leeming plays Mr. Hurst; Mr. Clifford plays Mr. McKenzie. C. Class—Mr. Child plays Mr. Batstone; Mr. Leeming plays Mr. Johnston; Mr. Davey plays Mr. Brown. D. Class—Mr. Johnston plays Mr. Brown. 10 Class—Mr. Blake plays Mr. Scott; Mr. Clark plays Mr. Christopher; Mr. Clark plays Mr. Scott.

Fourth Round—First and second games; scoring night, 31st January, at 9.15 p.m. Pairing—B. Class—Mr. Leeming plays Mr. Hurst; Mr. Clifford plays Mr. McKenzie. C. Class—Mr. Child plays Mr. Batstone; Mr. Leeming plays Mr. Johnston; Mr. Davey plays Mr. Brown. D. Class—Mr. Johnston plays Mr. Brown. 10 Class—Mr. Blake plays Mr. Scott; Mr. Clark plays Mr. Christopher; Mr. Clark plays Mr. Scott.

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CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

For a moment he was silent; then he said, quickly: "The picture is more yours than mine."

She darted a startled glance at him and said, hurriedly: "I cannot at all imagine what you mean."

"But for you it would never have been painted," he said, in the same low tone. "You were its inspiration. It grew out of my love for you."

She drew away from him suddenly and shifted her parasol, but did not speak.

His face was very pale, his heart was throbbing wildly, in all other respects he seemed quite calm and self-possessed.

"I did not mean to say this to you now," he went on, "but my resolution has broken down. Please do not be angry with me but hear me to the end."

He saw that she was trembling, but her eyes were turned away from him.

"Perhaps you will think me guilty of great presumption, but I could not help loving you. To be with you day after day and week after week and not love you was impossible. All unconsciously you filled my life and dominated my will. I saw everything through the light and sunshine of your presence. Loving you called into play new thoughts and new ideas. It awoke a new power within me. I did nothing worthy to be remembered till love lived in my heart. O Dorothy, it was to win you that I painted the picture."

She turned upon him suddenly with dim eyes and trembling lip.

"Do you love me still?" she questioned.

"Love you still?" he said, looking at her with a great yearning in his eyes.

"Love you still? Is love, then, a passing mood, the passion of a moment? O Dorothy, I shall love you for ever and ever."

She came closer to him and laid her hand in his.

"And you are not angry?" he whispered with a smile.

"Angry? I'm the happiest girl in all London to-day."

He wanted to take her in his arms and kiss her, but people were passing to and fro and up and down all the time.

For a moment he wondered whether any other man ever made love under the same circumstances, and a smile played round the corners of his mouth. It was tantalizing that he could not even seal his love with a kiss. He could only look at her and whisper: "My darling."

And for answer she looked at him, and in her eyes he read all that she would have said.

"Ever since I left Sandhurst," he said, "I have lived for this hour and for this only."

"Then you were not afraid that I should say 'No'?" she questioned, glancing shyly at him.

"Yes, I have been dreadfully afraid, but I never let my hope, my longing, my thought if I could only make some kind of name for myself I might, dare to approach you."

"And if your picture had not been a success you would not have told me?"

"I do not know, darling. Love makes us heroes sometimes and sometimes cowards. But think of the presumption of talking about love when one is barely able to maintain oneself."

"But you did love me all the same?"

"I did, Dodo; you stole my heart unawares."

"And you do not think I care for you simply because you have made a name?"

"No, sweetheart, I don't," he answered, candidly.

"Of course, your success has made me very proud of you. But do you remember how when I got tired of sitting we used to take long walks across the park together?"

"As if I could ever forget!" he replied.

"I used to wonder then if I could read your eyes aright."

"And did you care for me then?" she questioned.

"Too much, I fear. But you compelled me to think about you."

"In what way, my darling?"

"In many ways. You idealized my portrait and that made me wonder."

"Idealized it?"

"Of course you did. Between ourselves that portrait is an awful fraud. You endowed me with charms that I never have possessed and never shall."

"I painted my Dodo as I saw her."

"So you told me once before, and that made me wonder why you saw me thus."

"Ah!"

"Then when I saw your picture in the Academy I began to wonder again. Do you remember how I left you and father and went back to look at it again?"

"I remember quite well, darling."

"The old question puzzled me once

more. Why had you idealized me? Why had you endowed me with qualities that no one else could see?"

"So you tried to read my riddle, did you?"

"You compelled me to think about you; that is what I want you to understand."

"You were quite sure that I was thinking about you?"

"Well, yes," with a little pout—"as an artist perhaps might think about a model."

"But you understand now, sweetheart?" and she saw a great light of love shining in his eyes.

"Yes, Basil, I understand. And, oh! I am so proud and so happy. I hope I am not too happy. I hope the joy is not too sweet to last."

"We will not anticipate trouble, darling. I do not see why we should. Let's be happy while we can."

"Are you happy, Basil?"

"Well, to tell the truth, sweetheart, I'm very miserable just now."

"Miserable?" she questioned in surprise.

"It is of no use denying it," he said with a laugh. "But I'm dying to kiss you, and there isn't an opportunity."

"O Basil!" and a blush, soft and sweet as the dawn, stole over her face.

"London is just hateful," he said, still smiling. "If we were only at Sandhurst with the quiet country all around us."

"You know you do not like the country," she said, rising to her feet and darting a mischievous glance at him. "But I wonder what time it is."

"Never mind the time," he said. "Let us walk towards Westminster. There are gardens again beyond the railway bridge."

"I am sure father will have got back by this time and he will wonder what has become of me."

"He will not think that you are lost, and, oh, Dodo, I don't know when I may have you to myself again."

So they walked away together and were conscious of nothing but the presence of each other. They did not hear the roar and clack of railway trains overhead and scarcely heeded the strings of vehicles rolling down Northumberland avenue towards the Embankment. In a few minutes they were in the gardens again with the noise of traffic sounding faint and far away.

"O Dorothy!" he said, "it seems too good to be true. To have won my heart's desire so soon, to have had no opposition—"

"Ah!" she interrupted, with a bright smile. "I ought to have kept you at a distance. I fear I have not been at all diplomatic. They say people do not prize what they win so easily."

"Nothing that I might endure for your sake, darling, could make me prize you more," he answered.

"I hope you will never have to suffer anything unpleasant on my account," she said, slowly and thoughtfully.

"If I had to suffer for you, darling, and I knew that by suffering I did you good, then even pain would be a pleasure. Oh! I do not think you can ever guess how much I love you."

"And you have been loving me all these months in silence?"

"You have scarcely ever been absent from my thoughts waking or dreaming."

"I wonder if soul can speak to soul across the gulfs of time and space?"

"Why do you wonder, Dodo?"

"Because you have so often come to me in my dreams and even when I have been wide awake. I have started time after time fancying I heard you speak."

"Did you ever expect I should come in reality?"

"I sometimes wondered if you would. The winter seemed such a long one, and all the fine weather left directly you took your departure."

"So that if I had dropped in upon you some morning or evening you would not have been surprised?"

"Not very much. But you never came. I watched and waited in vain."

"Ah! if I had only known you were thinking of me—"

"It is as well, perhaps, that you did not. If you had come Elizabeth would have been made suspicious."

In a moment a shadow fell on Basil's face. He recalled his early impression or superstition. He saw now how the woman might cross his path, how she might become the evil genius of his life. She might try to separate him from Dorothy. She might use her undoubted power and influence against him. She might bring her will to bear upon Dorothy and upon her father. She might make shipwreck of all his hopes.

Then he lifted his head and smiled. Love laughs at locks and bolts it is said, and he felt that such a love as his could afford to laugh at any barrier that a woman might attempt to rear.

"Do you think Elizabeth will be displeased when she gets to know?" he questioned.

"She must not know for a long time," was the answer. "Any sudden shock might be dangerous, the doctor says."

"But how can you keep it from her?"

"By not telling her," was the laughing response.

"But she is bound to know sooner or later."

"Oh, yes, of course, but it will have to dawn upon her gradually. Father and I will prepare her little by little, don't you see?"

"I see. But do you think your father will raise any objection?"

"Oh, Basil, how can I tell? She answered with a bewitching smile. "That is a matter you will have to find out."

For a moment he looked grave. "What is the best time to find him in?" he questioned.

"We dine at seven o'clock," she answered.

"I fear that does not help me," he replied. "I cannot talk to your father over the dinner-table in a crowded dining-room."

"We have a private sitting-room," she answered, "and dine alone."

"Oh, that is better. Will you get your father to invite me to dinner some evening?"

"Won't you accept an invitation from me?"

"Do you think I dare?"

"Of course, May I tell father you are coming to dinner to-night?"

"If you will. The sooner I get his consent the better."

"Then that is settled."

"My own darling," he murmured. Then they turned round and began to retrace their steps.

The sun was shining brightly overhead. Flowers were blooming all about

them. Faintly on their ears came the deep undertone of London's tumultuous life. There was no sight nor sound of trouble anywhere.

They walked in Paradise. The roar of the streets was like the music of the sea. They saw no trouble ahead, heard no muttering of the storm. Coming events cast no shadows before.

At the hotel door they parted.

"We dine at seven, you know," she said, with a happy smile; "but you can come at six if you like," and then she vanished through the open door.

(To be continued.)

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

The police court was engrossed nearly all Friday afternoon hearing the case of Salmon, the Powell street storekeeper, against whom a formidable array of charges have been laid. The charge taken up was of having a stolen bicycle in possession. The magistrate found the accused guilty, but reserved sentence, pending the trial of other charges, which will be proceeded with on Thursday, namely: Having in possession a quantity of tobacco; having in possession a quantity of sign markers; having in possession a quantity of ladies' garters and suspenders; having in possession five sacks of sugar, also stealing ten sacks of sugar from a C. P. R. car.

The death occurred on Saturday of Hazel E. Bettes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bettes, this city, aged 5 years and 6 months.

Inquiries are being made of relatives in the East concerning the burial of the late Henry Anderson, aged 56 years, who died at the City hospital on Thursday.

Thomas Mathews, official administrator, has found a will, left by deceased, bequeathing his estate to his relatives. It is said that the deceased left \$1,700 in cash, as well as a considerable estate in mining properties. As the wife of the deceased is buried in Victoria, it is expected that the remains will be interred there.

"Ontario fruit growers and exporters do not yet seem to realize that they cannot ship infected fruits into this province with impunity," says the News-Advertiser. "Thomas Cunningham, the provincial inspector, is considerably handicapped, owing to the difficulty experienced in getting expert men to act as assistant inspectors, but he is nevertheless determined to keep out all infected fruit and trees. The Kootenay district, owing to the large area and location, is the most difficult point to handle, but within a comparatively recent period, no less than six cars of infected fruit have been turned back through the watchfulness of Mr. Cunningham. It is pleasing to be able to record the fact that the Washington authorities are heartily co-operating with Mr. Cunningham in the effort to keep the nursery stock of the Pacific Northwest free from infection."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The annual convention of the Mainland Teachers' Institute will be held in New Westminster on January 5th and 6th, prox. The present executive of this association is composed of the following: President, D. Anderson, M. A.; vice-presidents, A. E. Miller and E. H. Murray; recording secretary, H. B. King; corresponding secretary, H. B. King; treasurer, Miss E. M. Gray; and Messrs M. E. Grenfell, B. A., M. McKinnon and J. Patterson, and Messrs T. Leith and William Brown, executive committee.

The appraisers have announced that the amounts of insurance carried by the firms suffering by last week's fire, were as follows: R. F. Anderson & Co., \$3,200; H. T. Kirk, stock, \$4,500; J. A. Lee, stock, \$3,500; C. T. Dupont, building, \$20,000.

Work on the Westminster bridge is going steadily forward. Close on to a hundred men are now employed.

The principal work now in hand is the sinking of the crib for the pivot pier, otherwise known as pier No. 5. The crib for this pier is of a different construction to the crib for the other piers which have already been put in place. Instead of being a mere frame without a bottom, this crib and that of the other deep water piers are divided into sections, two of which are bottomless, but the others have a timber bottom. Into the sections with the bottomless concrete is being dumped and the crib is being sunk by this means, while the power screw is rendering valuable assistance. On shore both side work is being done but the workmen are busy excavating for the crib for one of the piers for the approaches.

ROSBLAND.

The annual bospital, under the auspices of the Kootenay Curling Association, will be held in Roseland, commencing on Tuesday, January 20th, 1903. If the weather is unpropitious, the executive committee of the association has the authority to postpone the event. The decision was reached at the annual meeting of the association. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Judge John A. Forin, patron; J. S. C. Fraser, of Roseland, president; George S. McCarter, of Revelstoke, vice-president; Dr. Boucher, of Phoenix, vice-president; Rev. A. M. Sandford, B. A., of Roseland, chaplain; Thomas S. Gilman, of Roseland, and A. B. Mackenzie, of Roseland; M. L. Grimmett, of Sandon; S. Brown, of Revelstoke; G. C. Hodge and J. H. Wallace, of Nelson, members executive committee. It was resolved to approach the new Greenwood Curling Club with a view to securing the organization as a member of the association. The Nelson Curling Club was represented by Judge J. A. Forin and G. C. Hodge. They moved that the bospital be held in Nelson, and supported the motion with speeches in which Nelson's claim on the ground of rotation was urged, together with the fact that the facilities in respect to accommodation and ice were equal in Nelson to those of any other point in the Kootenays. The statement was made that the Nelson club was most anxious to have the Kootenay curlers foregather

in the Queen City and that the invitation was backed up by citizens of the town generally. Roseland's admirable facilities for the bospital were then presented, and on a vote the Roseland men carried the meeting. The Nelson delegates stated prior to leaving the city that while their club would be disappointed over the decision against the bospital, the Queen City organization would be represented here by its usual quota of crack curlers.

GREENWOOD.

A meeting of the congregation of St. Jude's Church of England was held in the parish hall last week to hear an account of the work of the rector, Rev. W. to England, on behalf of the parish. Mr. Robins announced that he had raised the sum of \$1,940, this being the proceeds of lectures, donations, etc. Since his return to Greenwood the debt of between \$500 and \$700 on the parish hall had been paid off, \$200 had been contributed to the general funds of the diocese of Kootenay, and \$100 had been donated to the Phoenix church, which Mr. Robins had started as a mission two or three years ago, and where good work is now being done under some difficulties by Rev. E. P. Fiewelling. St. Jude's church is free from debt, both on account of current expenditure and purchase of land and erection of the parish hall. It now has \$1,000 in hand as a nucleus of a fund for building a suitable church later, and some \$240 on the general account. The recent sale and entertainment resulted in a balance of \$310 to credit of the workers. Altogether an unusually satisfactory financial position, as regards finances of the church, was shown.

LADNER.

In a short time the municipal election for the Delta municipality will be held to elect reeve and councillors for another year. As far as we can learn at present, W. H. Ladner will seek re-election for another term as reeve, while the name of B. E. Kitchin is also mentioned as probable candidate. Of the councillors it is quite likely that all will seek re-election, but one or two have lately intimated that they would not—Delta News.

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Estate of Jos. Keir, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Jos. Keir, deceased, late of Vancouver, British Columbia, are to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall have taken notice.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1902. DUNCAN, B. C.

JOHN N. EVANS, Attorney for Executrix, Martha Smith, Duncans.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the Ch. J. Commissioner of Lands and Works for the transfer of the land in the following described land in the Bayview District of British Columbia, viz: Lot 878 Bayview District, containing 108 acres more or less.

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Midway between the mouth of the Copper river and Yakutat, on the Alaskan coast, there has been struck a remarkable discovery of oil. The discoverers are said to be Victorians. The oil was struck at a depth of only 360 feet, after forty days of drilling, and this in the first hole put down. The oil shoots into the air 100 feet and work was only suspended because there was no place to put the oil now that they have it. The force of the oil is so great that it has blown off cap after cap, and at last has had to be capped by means of anchored timbers. Yet the force brings up oil around the piping in wasteful quantity, and it is allowed to flow serenely to the sea, a half mile away.

As no landing can be made with a ship directly opposite the well, the plan has been laid for building a large dock nine miles to the west. The oil is to be piped there and loaded, for at present it is no part of the company's plans to refine the oil where it is produced.

Between fifty-five and seventy miles of lines have been surveyed already over which it is expected to construct pipe lines from the various parts of the oil fields, for there has never been any doubt in the mind of the company of the existence of the oil just demonstrated to the public. Note of the company's stock has been or is offered for sale.

The coal which the company is developing this winter is too common an article on this coast to create enthusiasm, though it is declared to be the best on the coast. A railroad fifty miles long has been surveyed to the mine and the iron will, it is stated, be procured here.

A. L. Myers, of Tacoma, who has been working on the well all the past summer, arrived from the north on the Bertha last week, and in an interview given to the Tacoma Ledger said: "In the forty days we were drilling we lost much time. Twice we had disastrous fires, which the sixty men employed up there had to combat with wet gunny sacks and burlap. Once we lost our drill in this way, by the burning of the ropes, and had to fish for it after extinguishing the blaze. The country is so saturated with oil that a fire is easily started. Two weeks ago, when we were down 300 feet, we raised the tool to pump out the mud at the bottom of the well. We had the pump going lively when all at once the well took life, and the oil leaped a hundred feet in the air. Then our troubles commenced in earnest, for the oil could not be left to run into the ocean all winter, and no provisions had been made at all for storing it in any way. It blew off cap after cap, but after several days of work we got timbers anchored about the well, and keyed the gusher down. Not over ten barrels a day was escaping from round the pipe when I came away."

"The Alaskan Steam Coal & Petroleum Company owns the well. The company is a British one with headquarters in Victoria. It has nearly 75 miles of the coast thereabouts, by three miles wide, the land having been taken up under the mineral act before any exploration work was begun. The company has laid off all the well hands for the winter, until tanks for the reception of the oil can be carried to the well, and until a plant of several more drills shall be erected. These things are already ordered, and the spring will see great activity there. If it were possible to make a landing directly opposite the well, a half mile of pipe would be all that would be needed to fill all the tank ships that could be secured. No pumping would be necessary. We brought six barrels of the oil down with us, and it is said to be 75 per cent. kerosene. We tried to burn it up there, but for some reason it exploded. The experts say it is a good indication of the quality of the oil. We burn it in great open trenches and in that way the neighborhood of the well is as bright as day."

"There is no water at all mixed with the flow of oil. The well was so dry all the way down that it would not even furnish its own water for drilling. It had to be fed from the top."

Mr. Myers was in the employ of the company in the capacity of assistant driller. Of the nature of the ground that has been drilled, he said: "We had not yet penetrated any of the sandstone under which we expected to discover our oil. In fact, we do not believe we have come anywhere near the real stratum we are after, and when next spring our tanks are placed in position we shall proceed to sink the same hole, and others to a much greater depth. Gas is mixed with the oil in great quantity."

—Win. Chudley, one of Victoria's pioneer citizens, passed away at the family residence, Race street, early this afternoon. He has been an invalid for some years. Mr. Chudley, who was a native of Cornwall, Eng., was for many years employed as an accountant by R. P. Riddell & Co., and he also performed the duties of treasurer for the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and son. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

TYEE SMELTER BLOWN IN TO-DAY

EVERYTHING PASSED OFF SATISFACTORILY

First Shipment of Matte Will Be Sent to New York This Week.

(Special to the Times.)
Ladysmith, Dec. 15.—The Tyee Copper Company's smelter was blown in this morning at 7 o'clock, after three days' turn over of the engines, machinery and



Construction Work on the Smelter.

firing of furnaces, etc., to dry out. Manager Kiddie and staff are delighted with the smooth working of the whole plant, which is one of the most modern.

Great quantities of roasted ore have been deposited in the smelter bins for weeks past awaiting the blow in; also a hundred tons of coke and iron ore flux. The first matte was poured into the pans at noon today. The only part of the machinery not installed is that for electric lighting, which has been delayed by the manufacturers. When that is received the Tyee smelter will be complete.



Tyee Ore Bins, Ladysmith, Capacity, 1,600 Tons.

Hundreds of people visited the smelter on Sunday and to-day to witness the process. The first shipment of matte to the New York agents goes forward this week. Congratulating cablegrams passed between the London office and Manager Kiddie to-day.

The Tyee smelter at Ladysmith, which



Shaft House—Tyee Mine.

THAT ALLEGED FIRE.
A Few Square Inches of Partition Scorched on the Amur—That Was All.

In an article about six inches long yesterday morning's Colonist attempted to describe a fire which is alleged to have occurred on the steamer Amur on Friday afternoon just after she arrived from the north. Reading the intensely vivid account, one would naturally conclude that the whole waterfront had been imperilled, and that nothing short of a miracle saved the staunch vessel from

has been successfully "blown-in" to-day, makes the second for Vancouver Island. The smelter has been built with the object in view of economizing labor in the handling of the ore to as great a degree as possible. Visitors to it cannot fail to be attracted by the labor-saving arrangements about the works.

The ore is brought from the Tyee mines by means of an aerial tramway, which dumps the ore into the bins at Statton's Crossing. There it is loaded directly into the cars on the E. & N. railway and conveyed to the smelter at Ladysmith.

The ore bins lie some little distance north of the town site at Ladysmith, and are situated on high ground. The roasting bins are splendidly arranged for receiving the ore from this storage bin. Five parallel tramways are elevated six feet above the level of the ground, devoted to the roasting process. These tramways are about 30 or 40 feet apart. Connecting these parallel lines is a bridge which can slide to any place throughout the length of the intervening spaces. The cars are dumped while moving across the bridge. In this way the roast heaps are deposited just to suit the management with scarcely any handling.



A further accessory to the rapid handling of the ore is the arrangement of the railways for transferring the ore after roasting to the bins at the smelter. Trenches about four feet below the level of the bottom of the roast piles are excavated so that the roasted ore is easily loaded into the cars.

The smelter itself is about 300 yards nearer to the town than the roasting bins. It is a very complete plant, every convenience being afforded for the taking in of the ores and fluxes. The matte is drawn off on the basement floor and cooled in large pots. Everything is arranged that a converter plant may be in-



stalled at any time. The slag is also drawn off on the ground floor, and after being disintegrated by a stream of water is carried over the embankment into the lagoon which lies alongside.

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